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Town of Bennington

New Hampshire

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For the year ending

December 31, 1952

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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE TOWN OF

BENNINGTON

NEW HAMPSHIRE

TOGETHER WITH THE

REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICERS

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1952

AND THE

Vital Statistics For The Year 1952

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator
JOHN P. WESTON

Selectmen
LAURENCE J. PARKER HARRY W. BROWN
J. FRED MILES

Town Clerk
DONALD A. POWERS

Town Treasurer
ARTHUR F. BELL

Road Agent
HERBERT A. CURTIS

Tax Collector
JAMES H. BALCH

Library Trustees
PHILIP E. KNOWLES RUTH A. CODY
MARY D. SHEA

Superintendent of Water Works
J. FRED MILES

Fire Wardens
PAUL G. TRAXLER JOHN D. ARMSTRONG
ROBERT KNIGHT

Forest Fire Warden
LAURENCE J. PARKER

Deputy Forest Fire Wardens
HERBERT A. CURTIS LAWRENCE NEWHALL
JAMES H. BALCH PEARL J. WARREN

Supervisors of the Check List
EDWARD E. FRENCH PHILIP E. KNOWLES
PAUL G. TRAXLER

Trustees of Trust Funds
PHILIP E. KNOWLES EFFIE DOE BLACK

Overseer of Poor
ALFRED CHASE

Janitor of Town Hall
PAUL G. TRAXLER

Sexton
DELMAR NEWHALL

Water Commissioners
JOHN ARMSTRONG HARRY W. BROWN
J. FRED MILES

Constable
FRANK CHESIA

Chief of Police
FRANK CHESIA

Special Police

EILEEN D. NEWHALL FRED HUGRON

STEVE YOKOVAKIS

Trustees of Evergreen Cemetery

GEORGETTA BRYER HARRY W. BROWN

Trustee of Sunnyside Cemetery

GEORGETTA BRYER

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

ERNEST WILSON LAURENCE J. PARKER

Sealer of Weights and Measures

LAURENCE J. PARKER

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Bennington, New Hampshire in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

(L. S.)

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall in said Bennington, N. H. on Tuesday, the Tenth day of March, next at Ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Memorial Day.

3. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Highways and Bridges.

4. To see if the Town will vote to accept State Aid for Class V Roads and raise and appropriate money for the same.

5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary, in anticipation of taxes.

6. To see what action the Town will take in regard to Real Estate taken over by the Town for non-payment of taxes.

7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $154.00 for the Monadnock Region.

8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $250.00 to purchase 100 ft. of 1½ inch hose and 100 ft. of 2½ inch hose.

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,500.00 for Tarring.

10. To see what action the Town will take in regard to Old Home Day and vote to raise and appropriate money for the same.

11. To see what action the Town will take in regard to moving Town Dump and raise and appropriate money for the same.

12. To see what action the Town will take in regard to Blister Rust and raise and appropriate money for the same.

13. To see what action the Town will take in regard to continuing sidewalk construction and raise and appropriate money for the same.

14. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Collector of Taxes additional compensation for his services in collecting the State Head Tax and to fix the amount thereof.

15. To see what action the Town will take in regard to preparing a float for the Keene Bicentennial Parade, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

16. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Statutory requirements, and to carry the articles and appropriations of the School District into effect.

17. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this twenty-third day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-three.

LAURENCE J. PARKER,
HARRY W. BROWN,
J. FRED MILES,
Selectmen of Bennington

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

LAURENCE J. PARKER,
HARRY W. BROWN,
J. FRED MILES,
Selectmen of Bennington

BUDGET

OF THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year

January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953.

Compared with

Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures

of the Previous Year January 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952.

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1952	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1953
From State:		
Interest and Dividends Tax	$1,262.19	$1,262.19
Railroad Tax	167.09	167.09
Savings Bank Tax	156.84	156.84
For Fighting Forest Fires	37.41	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:		
Dog Licenses	145.50	145.50
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	10.00	60.00
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings	131.50	131.50
Truck	1,504.80	1,000.00
Water Department	2,501.54	2,500.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,268.86	1,000.00
Misc. Income	247.54	100.00
Amount Raised by Issue of Bonds or Notes:		
Fire Truck Notes	9,000.00	
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:		
Poll Taxes—Regular @$2	462.00	462.00
Yield Taxes	73.81	800.00
Total Revenue From All Sources		$7,785.12
Amount To Be Raised By Property Taxes	$39,432.70	
Total Revenues		$57,269.22

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1952	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1953
Current Maintenance Expenses:		
General Government:		
Town Officers' Salaries	$1,220.00	$1,300.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,355.80	1,400.00
Election and Registration Expenses	390.74	125.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Bldgs	1,703.70	1,800.00
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Police Department	466.99	600.00
Fire Department	1,936.82	1,900.00
Lake	750.29	900.00
Hose	850.00	250.00
Monadnock Region	133.00	154.00
Health:		
Health Department, Including Hospitals	407.72	700.00
Vital Statistics	14.00	14.00
Sidewalk	1,500.00	1,500.00
Tarring	384.30	1,500.00
Highways and Bridges:		
Town Truck	1,305.49	800.00
Town Maintenance—Summer	3,921.49	3,000.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	1,939.29	2,000.00
Street Lighting	1,156.30	1,500.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	924.48	900.00
Town Road Aid	182.73	182.29
Libraries:		
Libraries	200.00	200.00

Public Welfare:		
Town Poor	1,353.75	1,500.00
Old Age Assistance	1,350.36	2,500.00
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations	200.00	200.00
Old Home Day	300.00	300.00
Recreation:		
Parks and Playgrounds, Incl. Band Concerts	299.28	600.00
Public Service Enterprises:		
Municipally Owned Water and Electric Utilities	3,320.94	2,500.00
Cemeteries	608.31	300.00
Auto Permits	132.00	132.00
Unclassified:		
Overturn Int.	10.00	
Interest:		
On Temporary Loans	133.29	275.00
Highways and Bridges:		
New Equipment, Fire Truck	10,000.00	10,000.00
Payment on Principal of Debt:		
County Taxes	7,205.68	7,500.00
School Taxes	27,758.72	27,523.05
Total Expenditures	$88,848.48	$65,055.34

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY

Land and Buildings	$593,600.00
Electric Plants	47,360.00
Horses, Asses and Mules, 4	200.00
Cows, 58	11,850.00
Other Neat Stock, 7	635.00
Fowls, 5817	8,725.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks, 5	750.00
Stock in Trade	327,900.00
Mills and Machinery	550,000.00
Total gross valuation before exemption allowed	$1575,330.00
Less: Soldiers' Exemptions and exemptions to blind	$34,310.00
	$1,541,020.00

Amount of property valuation exempted to vetrans m mm

Number of inventories distributed, 245

Number of inventories returned, 200

Number of veterans who received property exempt. 36

Number of veterans exempted from poll tax, 69

Net valuation on which tax rate is computed	$15,410.00
Amount of property valuation exempted to veterans	$34,310.00

FINANCIAL REPORT

of the

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

for the

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1952

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

LAURENCE J. PARKER,
HARRY W. BROWN,
J. FRED MILES,
Selectmen.

A. F. BELL,
Treasurer.

ASSETS

Cash	
In hands of treasurer	$2,390.49
In hands of officials	50.00
Accounts Due to the Town	
Due from State:	
(a) Bounties	7.25
(b) Bal. Timber Tax	29.50
(c) Trust funds to Town	1,130.00
Unredeemed Taxes:	
(a) Levy of 1951	38.69
Uncollected Taxes:	
(a) Levy of 1952	13,604.60
(b) Yield Taxes	560.00
(c) State Head Taxes—Levy of 1952	170.00
(d) State Head Taxes—Levy of 1951	15.00
Total Assets	$17,800.57
Excess of liabilities over assets Net Debt)	3,744.71
Grand Total	$21,545.28
Net Surplus, December 31, 1951	$4,720.24
Net Debt—December 31, 1952	3,744.71
Increase of Debt (New Fire Truck)	9,000.00

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:	
Town Hall App. Chairs	$200.00
Water Works	1,911.12
Due to State:	
State Head Taxes—1952	1,432.50
(Uncollected $34.00) (Collected—not remitted State Treas. $170.00)	170.00
J. H. Balch overturn in & Comm.	33.80
Due to School Districts: Balance of Appropriation	6,797.86
Outstanding Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Taxes:	
First National Bank, Hillsboro, Loan	2,000.00
Long Term Notes Outsanding:	
First National Bank, Hillsboro, Fire Truck Notes	9,000.00
Total Liabilities	$21,545.28
Grand Total	$21,545.28

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

1. Property Taxes, Current Year	$37,595.78	
2. Poll Taxes, Current Year	462.00	
3. Yield Taxes—1952	73.81	
4. State Head Taxes @ $5, 1952	1,415.00	
5.Total Current Year's Taxes collected and remitted		$39,546.59
6. Property Taxes and Yield Taxes, Previous Years		1,748.16
7. Poll Taxes, Previous		12.00
8. State Head Taxes @ $5, 1951		65.00
9. Interest received on Taxes		76.76
10. Penalties on State Head Taxes		23.00
11. Tax sales redeemed		266.88
From State:		
12. For Town Truck	158.40	
13. Interest and dividends tax	1,262.19	
14. Railroad Tax	167.09	
15. Savings Bank Tax and Building and Loan Association Tax	156.84	
16. Fighting forest fires	37.51	
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:		
17. Dog licenses	145.50	
18. Business licenses, permits and filing fees	10.00	
19. Rent of town Truck	1,346.40	
20. Income from Town Hall	131.50	
21. Income from municipal water and electric departments	2,501.54	
Registration of motor vehicles	1,268.86	
		$7,185.83

Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

22. Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	17,000.00	
23. Long term notes during year	9,000.00	
24. Town of Francestown, forest fire	129.50	
25. Filing fees	24.00	
26. Fire Dept., repairs	2.73	
27. Georgetta Bryer lot	4.50	
28. V.F.W. repairs	2.73	
29. V.F.W. Aux. repairs	2.73	
30. Benn. Rec. Assn. damage		6.14
31. P. G. Traxler, phone	75.21	
Total Receipts other than Current Revenue		$26,247.54
Total Receipts from All Sources		$75,171.76
Cash on hand January 1, 1952		16,074.71
Grand Total		$91,246.47

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

1. Town officer's salaries	$1,220.00
2. Town officer's expenses	1,355.80
3. Election and registration expenses	390.74
4. Expenses town hall and other buildings	1,703.70
5. Police department	466.99
6. Fire department, including forest fires	1,936.82
7. Bounties	7.25
8. Lake App.	750.29
9. Hose App.	850.00
10. Monadnock Region	133.00

Health

11. Health dept., including hospitals	407.72
12. Vital statistics	14.00
13. Sidewalk App.	1,500.00

Highway and Bridges:

14. Taring App.	384.30
15. Town Road Aid	182.73
16. Town Maintenance	
Summer $3,921.49	Wintr $1,939.28
17. Street lighting	1,156.30
18. Gen. Expenses of Highway Dept.	924.48

Libraries:

19. Libraries	200.00

Public Welfare:

20. Old age assistance	1,350.36
21. Town poor	1,353.75
22. Town Truck	1,305.49

Patriotic Purposes:		
23. Memorial Day & Veteran's Assn.	200.00	
24. Old Home Day App.	300.00	
Recreation:		
25. Parks and playgrounds, including band concerts	299.28	
Public Service Enterprises:		
26. Municipal water and elec. depts.	3,320.94	
27. Cemeteries, including hearse hire	608.31	
28. Auto Permits	132.00	
Unclassified:		
29. Overturn in	10.00	
30. Taxes bought by town	358.09	
Interest:		
31. Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	133.29	
Outlay for New Equipment:		
32. New Fire Truck	10,000.00	
Indebtedness:		
33. Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	15,000.00	
Payments to other Governmental Divisions		
34. State Head Taxes paid to State Treasurer 1951 Taxes $75.19;	75.19	
35. Taxes paid to County	7,205.68	
36. Payments to School Districts		
1951 Tax	$12,758.72	
1952 Tax	$15,000.00	
		27,758.72
Total Payments for all purposes		$88,855.98
Cash on hand December 31, 1952		2,390.49
Grand Total		$91,246.47

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	Value
Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	$25,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,500.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	25,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	3,000.00
Police Dept., Equipment	100.00
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	400.00
Equipment	19,000.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	3,000.00
Equipment	10,000.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	35,000.00
Water Supply, if owned by Town	36,000.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	65,000.00
Equipment	8,000.00
Total	199,500.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Jan. 1, 1952 through Dec. 31, 1952

Dog licenses		$167.50
Book and tags	7.80	
Clerk's fees	14.20	
		22.00
		$145.50

Total amount dog tax paid to treasurer for 1952,	$145.50
Filing fees	$24.00
Total amount auto tax paid to treas. for 1952	$1,268.86
Total amount paid to treas. for the year 1952	$1,438.36

DONALD A. POWERS, Town Clerk

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS

Appropriations	
Town Officers Salaries	$1,400.00
Town Officers Expenses	1,600.00
Election and Registration Expenses	325.00
Taring App.	1,500.00
Town Hall and Buildings Maintenance	1,800.00
Police Department	600.00
Fire Dep't.	1,800.00
Hose App.	900.00
Health Dep't.	700.00
Vital Statistics	13.50
Lake App.	900.00
Town Road Aid	182.73
Town Maintenance	
(Summer $3,000.00) (Winter $2,500.00)	5,500.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	700.00
Town Truck	700.00
Sidewalk Construction	1,500.00
Street Lighting	1,550.00
New Equipment	1,000.00
Libraries	200.00
Old Age Assistance	2,000.00
Public Relief	2,500.00
Memorial Day, Old Home Day	200.00
Parks and Playgrounds	600.00
Railroad Tax	161.80
Water and Electric Utilities	2,300.00
Cemeteries	150.00
Auto Permits	135.00
Regional Associations	133.00
Payments on Interest	380.00
County Tax	7,205.68
School Tax	21,797.86

Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits:

Interest and Dividends Tax	1,256.22
Railroad Tax	161.80
Savings Bank Tax	150.14
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	663.31
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,000.00
Dog Licenses	170.80
Business Licenses and Permits	58.00
Town Hall	100.00
Rent of Town Property and Equipment	1,200.00
Water and Electric Departments	2,000.00
Cash Surplus	1,376.04
Other Revenue:	
Timber Tax	300.00
Total Revenues and Credits	$8,136.31
	52,136.46
Plus Overlay	754.22
Net Amount to be raised by Taxation	52,890.68
Less: Number 248 of Poll Taxes at $2.00	496.00
Amount to be raised by property taxes on which tax rate is to be figured	$52,394.68

Taxes to be Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	52,394.68
Poll Taxes at $2.00	496.00
Total Taxes to be Committed	$52,890.68

Tax Rates:

Town $34.00 on $1,000 Valuation

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

1952 TAXES COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR

Property	$52,360.78
Polls	496.00
Yield Tax	633.81
Added Polls	6.00
Interest	13.04
	$53,509.63
Paid Treasurer	37,595.78
Polls	4,508.00
Discount	221.30
Interest	13.04
Yield Tax	73.81
Abatements	983.10
Uncollected Property	13,560.60
Uncollected Polls	44.00
Uncollected Yield tax	560.00
	$53,509.63

(6,000.00 Pd. Jan. 30, 1953)

UNCOLLECTED 1952 PROPERTY RESIDENT

Kenneth and Alice Bink	$ 74.80
Walter E. Biglow	88.40
Annabelle Call	34.00
Patrick Cashion Estate	61.20
Charles Cole	34.00
Joseph Davy	3.40
George Edes	18.70
Mary A. Edes	1.70
Horton Glynn	1.70
Horton and Alice Glynn	74.80

George and Greta Grey - Paid Feb. 1953	68.00
Fred Hugron	85.00
J. Herbert Lindsay	200.60
John and Judith Lindsay	68.00
Melvin and Ruth Loomis	6.80
L. H. Parker	51.00
Warren Perkins	54.40
Arthur Peckham	34.00
Carrie Smith	27.20
A. T. Stewart	34.00
Grace Sargent	51.00
Robert and Barbara St. Lawrence	27.20
Lorenzo Smith	3.40
Philip Traxler	10.20
Herbert E. Wilson	61.20
Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc. $6,000.00 pd.	12,000.00
Vincent and Hughes Jan. 30, 1953	153.00
Residents,	$13,327.70
Non-Resident,	232.90
	$13,560.60

UNCOLLECTED 1952 PROPERTY NON-RESIDENT

Charles M. Edler	59.50
Fred Mallett Estate (Paid Feb. 9)	1.70
John Newhall	69.70
Claud and Katherine Butt	68.00
Reginald Call	34.00
	$232.90

1951

Property	1,740.76
Polls	18.00
Over turn in	7.40

Interest	63.72
	$1,829.88

Paid Treasurer

Property	1,748.16
Polls	12.00
Interest	63.72
Uncollected Polls	6.00
	$1,829.88

1952 POLL TAXES

Warrant 248	$496.00
3 added	6.00
	$502.00
Paid Treasurer	458.00
Uncollected	44.00
	$502.00

UNCOLLECTED

Walter J. Burrows	2.00
Ellen Bowin, Paid in Antrim	2.00
Eunice Blanchard, Paid	2.00
Charles Cole	2.00
Grace Cole	2.00
John Donnerly	2.00
Eva Donnerly	2.00
Horton Glynn	2.00
Alice Glynn	2.00
Fred Gibbs	2.00
Lucy Gibbs	2.00
Robert J. Handy, Paid	2.00
Isabell Handy, Paid	2.00
Fred Hugron, Paid	2.00
Daisy Hugron, Paid	2.00
Ruth Loomis	2.00

Verna Paige	2.00
Joyce A. Parker	2.00
Elwin Rockwell, Paid in Antrim	2.00
Lorenzo Smith	2.00
Carrie Smith	2.00
Phoebe Whittemore	2.00
	$44.00

1952 HEAD TAX

Warrant	317	$1,585.00
Penalties		17.50
		1,602.50
Paid Treasurer		1,415.00
Penalties		17.50
Uncollected		170.00
		$1,602.58

UNCOLLECTED 1952 HEAD TAXES

Walter J. Burrows	5.00
Ellen Bowin, Paid in Antrim	5.00
Robert Blanchard,, Paid	5.00
Eunice Blanchard, Paid	5.00
Annabelle Call	5.00
Charles Cole	5.00
Grace Cole	5.00
John Donnerly	5.00
Mrs. John Donnerly	5.00
Horton Glynn	5.00
Alice Glynn	5.00
Elwin Rockwell, Paid in Antrim	5.00
Joseph Davy	5.00
Fred Gibbs	5.00
Lucy Gibbs	5.00
Robert J. Handy, Paid	5.00
Isabell Handy, Paid	5.00

Fred Hugron, Paid	5.00
Daisy Hugron, Paid	5.00
Melvin Loomis	5.00
Peter Martell, Jr.	5.00
Maurice Paige	5.00
Verna Paige	5.00
Lawrence H. Parker	5.00
Joyce A. Parker	5.00
Arthur Rockwell	5.00
Frances Rockwell	5.00
Grace Sargent	5.00
Robert St. Lawrence	5.00
David Sylvester	5.00
Gilbert Verney Paid Feb. 11, 1953	5.00
Mrs. Gilbert Verney Paid Feb. 11, 1953	5.00
Phoebe Whittemore	5.00
George Whittemore	5.00
	$170.00

JAMES H. BALCH,
Tax Collector

1951 HEAD TAX

Warrant	324	$1,620.00
Penalties		6.50
		$1,626.50
Paid Treasurer		1,515.00
Penalties		6.50
Abatements		30.00
Uncollected		75.00
		1,626.50
1952 to collect		75.00
1 added		5.00

Penalties	5.50
Total to collect	85.50
Paid treasurer	65.00
Penalties	5.50
3 abated	15.00
	85.50

JAMES H. BALCH,
Tax Collector

PROPERTY AND POLLS ABATED

1951

John Lohnas	2.00
Jane Lohnas	2.00
Arthur Peckham	2.00
	6.00
Abated	6.00

1950

Arthur Peckham	2.00
Robert Hancy	2.00
Charles Davidson	2.00
Marjorie Davidson	2.00
	8.00
Abated	8.00

1949

Charles Davidson	2.00
Marjorie Davidson	2.00
	4.00
Abated	4.00

1948

Robert J. Handy Property	10.50
Marjorie Travis	2.00
	12.50

Abated	12.50
1947	
Robert J. Handy Property	4.98
Abated	4.98
1946	
Robert J. Handy Property	11.74
Abated	11.74
	$47.22
	$47.22

1952 TAX SALE

Taxes	175.75
Interest	8.77
Costs	19.00
Interest Collected After Sale	$2.47
Total	$205.99

REDEEMED TAXES

Taxes	146.15
Interest	7.28
Costs	11.40
Total	164.83

UNREDEEMED TAXES

Taxes	29.60
Interest	1.49
Costs	7.60
Total	38.69
	$203.52
Interest after sale	2.47
Total	$205.99

JAMES H. BALCH,
Tax Collector

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

DETAIL OF PAYMENTS

Detail 1. *Town Officers' Salaries*

Laurence J. Parker, Selectman	$250.00
Harry W. Brown, Selectman	250.00
J. Fred Miles, Selectman	250.00
A. F. Bell, Treasurer	187.50
J. H. Balch, Tax Collector	187.50
Donald A. Powers, Town Clerk	75.00
Maurice Newton, Auditor	10.00
Edward Black, Auditor	10.00
	$1,220.00

Detail 2. *Town Officers' Expenses*

Contoocook Valley Telephone Co.	$115.25
H. W. Wilson Agency, Insurance and Bonds	457.78
Brown & Saltmarsh, supplies	48.28
Edson Eastman, supplies	12.87
C. R. Hardy, dues	2.00
N. H. Assessors Association, dues	2.00
Donald Powers, supplies	15.18
N. H. Tax Association	6.00
Maxwell Press, printing	415.00
J. H. Lindsay, car hire	7.50
Vira Holmes, registrar	.10
Donat Correveau, reg. deeds	10.29
A. F. Bell,	20.00
Fred Howard, tax bills	21.80
Wheeler & Clark, supplies	10.10
N. H. Water Works Asson.	5.00
J. H. Balch, expenses	25.00
J. Fred Miles, expenses	11.65

H. W. Brown, expenses and stamps	60.00
L. J. Parker, expenses	110.00
	$1,355.80

Detail 3. Election & Registration

Maxwell Press, printing	$82.65
Edmunds Dept. Store, supplies	27.24
Leon F. Hill, labor	35.85
Effie Doe Black, dinners	25.00
Addie French, dinners	25.00
Martha Parker, dinners	25.00
Wilfred Levesque, Ballot Insp.	15.00
J. Fred Miles, Ballot Insp.	5.00
Robert Hamm, Ballot Insp.	10.00
Herbert Curtis, Ballot Insp.	20.00
P. G. Traxler, Supervisor	35.00
Edward French, Supervisor	35.00
Philip Knowles, Supervisor	35.00
J. P. Weston, Moderator	15.00
	$390.74

Detail 4. Automobile Permits

Donald A. Powers, permits	$132.00

Detail 5. Town Hall

Public Service Co. of N. H., lights	112.15
O. B. Perrie Co., plumbing	20.36
Patrick Cashion, trucking	3.25
Farmers Feed and Supply Co., coal	453.17
A. F. Edmunds, supplies	17.09
Contoocook Valley Telephone Co.	3.86
Dean Page, labor	7.00
John Armstrong, labor	8.00
Alfred Perry, repairing roof	42.51
Monadnock Lumber Co., supplies	5.40
H. W. Wilson Agency, Insurance	404.08
P. G. Traxler, Janitor	457.85

Philip Traxler, labor	29.00
C. Yokovakis, labor	6.00
Walter Cleveland, labor	3.00
J. Fred Miles, labor	2.59
Walter Burrows, labor	39.50
C. L. Haskell, fireproofing	38.00
L. F. Hugron, plumbing	11.40
Arthur Harrison, labor	5.00
Edmunds Dept. Store, supplies	25.99
Robert Brown, trucking	8.50
	$1,703.70

Detail 6. Police Department

Contoocook Valley Telephone Co.	$17.39
Frank Cheisa, police	315.50
Fred Hugron, police	67.00
E. D. Newhall, police	12.50
L. Smith, police	1.50
M. Melisky, police	55.10
	$466.99

Detail 7. Fire Department

Bennington Garage, supplies	$461.24
Contoocook Valley Telephone Co., telephone	77.10
H. W. Wilson Agency, Insurance	328.89
J. A. Coffin, supplies	167.25
Ralph Smith, labor	2.00
Arthur Harrison, labor	2.00
A. F. Edmunds, supplies	4.86
Newhall's Garage, supplies	2.25
Farrar Co., supplies	110.35
Public Service Co., lights	25.51
Edward French, pay rolls	311.50
Herbert Flanders, labor	12.00
Peterboro Hardware Co., supplies	9.30

Robert Knight, Fireward	20.00
Cheristos Yokovakis, labor	1.50
Walter Cleveland, labor	1.00
John Armstrong, Fireward, etc.	31.75
Monadnock Lumber Co., supplies	8.20
Sharon Repair Center, supplies	17.30
State of New Hampshire	93.00
P. G. Traxler, Fireward, etc.	90.32
L. J. Parker, forest fires	159.50
	$1,936.82

Detail 8. *Bounties*

Horton Glynn	2.25
J. Fred Miles	1.50
George Whittemore	3.50
	$7.25

Detail 9. *Over Payment*

Donald Powers	$10.00
	$10.00

Detail 10. *Health Department*

Herbert Wilson, labor at dump	$342.04
Herbert Flanders, labor at dump	5.00
J. F. Miles, Health Officer and expense	60.68
	$407.72

Detail 11. *Vital Statistics*

Donald A. Powers	$14.00
	$14.00

Detail 12. *Head Tax*

State of New Hampshire ..	$75.19
	$75.19

Detail 13. *Town Maintenance*

Herbert Curtis, Summer	$3,839.77
Herbert Curtis, Winter	1,862.37
Paul Rockwood, bridge plank	71.25
Edmunds Dept. Store, supplies	10.47
Merrimack Farmers Exchange, salt	76.92
	$5,860.78

Detail 14. *Town Truck*

L. J. Parker, Insurance	$38.60
Bennington Garage, labor etc.	1,266.87
	$1,305.47

Detail 15. *Hose*

James A. Coffin, hose	$850.00
	$850.00

Detail 16. *Street Lighting*

Public Service Co. of New Hampshire, Street lights	$1,278.11
	$1,278.11

Detail 17. *General Expenses*

Public Service Co. of N. H., Blinker and Town Barn lights	$123.33
Lorenzo Smith, Dog Constable and labor	24.50
Edmunds Dept. Store, supplies	69.94
Paul Traxler, labor and supplies	39.44
J. F. Miles, labor	6.50
John Armstrong, labor	12.00
David Traxler, labor	15.00
T. R. Langdell, oil burner	20.00
W. Nader, trucking	4.50
Hooker-Howe, rental	12.79
Philip Knowles, care of clock	25.00

Clark & Kemp, patching walk	156.45
Monadnock Lumber Co., supplies	68.40
Clara Smith, roto tiller	100.00
H. W. Wilson Agency, Insurance	124.82
	$802.67

Detail 18. *Libraries*

Philip Knowles, appropriation	$200.00
	$200.00

Detail 19. *Old Age Assistance*

State of New Hampshire	$1,350.36
	$1,350.36

Detail 20. *Town Poor*

A. F. Edmunds, supplies	$732.14
Margaret Sawyer, rent	220.00
J. B. Vaillancourt, oil	339.15
J. H. Lindsay, supplies	.46
Alfred Chandler, medical	5.00
Paul Traxler, cleaning burner	4.90
Alfred Chase, Overseer of Poor, expenses	52.10
	$1,353.75

Detail 21. *Lake*

Edmunds Dept. Store	$21.79
Frank Chiesa, Supervisor	128.00
Dwight Baker, Supervisor	500.00
H. W. Wilson Agency, Insurance	74.00
J. F. Miles, making signs	14.50
John Haas, cleaning toilets	12.00
	$750.29

Detail 22. *Memorial Day*

Paul Traxler, appropriation	$200.00
	$200.00

Detail 23. Old Home Day

Laurence J. Parker	$300.00
	$300.00

Detail 24. Parks and Play Grounds

Herbert Curtis, labor	$30.00
Delmar Newhall, labor	90.00
John Giddings, mowing	72.00
Farmers Feed & Supply, fertilizer	57.78
Paul Traxler, labor	10.50
H. W. Wilson Agency, Insurance	39.00
	$299.28

Detail 25. Water Works

Gays Express	$1.95
J. F. Miles, Superintendent, labor	953.09
Huckins Oil Co.	95.72
Maurice Newton, labor	41.40
C. R. Swaney Co., repairs	145.43
J. D. Armstrong, labor	21.00
Fred Howard, printing	13.50
Frank Chiesa, labor	1.50
H. R. Prescott & Son, supplies	91.08
Public Service Co., power	642.31
Herbert Curtis, labor	249.00
Henry Derosier, labor	28.00
Edward French, payrolls	343.00
Southwestern Express Co.	2.01
Frilds Point, rental	8.00
Eddy Valve Co., hydrant	304.90
Paul Traxler, labor	35.50
Bennington Garage, gas etc.	112.74
Edmunds Dept. Store	6.98
H. W. Brown, labor	141.50

Newhalls Garage, gas etc.	69.83
Herbert Flanders, labor	12.50
	$3,320.94

Detail 26. Cemeteries

Delmar Newhall, labor	$443.53
Farmers Feed Co., fertilizer	57.78
H. W. Wilson Agency, Insurance	17.00
Herbert Curtis, labor	90.00
	$608.31

Detail 27. Taxes Bought By Town

J. H. Balch	$358.09
	$358.09

Detail 28. New Fire Truck

Farrar Co.	$1,000.00
	$1,000.00

Detail 29. Interest

First National Bank, Hillsboro	$133.29
	$133.29

Detail 30. T. R. A.

State of New Hampshire	$182.73
	$182.73

Detail 31. Tarring Appropriation

Trimount Bituminous Co., asphalt	$384.30
	$384.30

Detail 32. Sidewalk Construction

Herbert Flanders	$1,500.00
	$1,500.00

Detail 33. Monadnock Region

D. F. Enguess, appropriation	$133.00
	$133.00

Detail 34. Temporary Loans

First National Bank, Hillsboro	$15,000.00
	$15,000.00

Detail 35. County Tax

County Treasurer	$7,205.68
	$7,205.68

Detail 36. School Appropriation

Mary K. Wilson	$27,758.72
	$27,758.72

GRAND TOTAL	$88,855.98

OLD HOME DAY REPORT

Cash on hand, 1951	$86.21
Received from Town	300.00
Received from sale of tickets	276.19
	$662.40
Paid Out:	
Paul Traxler, Radio, postage	$56.94
Purington's Orchestra	60.00
Brookline Drum Corps	50.00
Weare Band	165.00
Prizes, Floats	43.00
George DeFoe Orchestra	67.00
Addie French	3.60
Prizes, water sports	24.00
Sims Press, printing	39.50
Hooker-Howe Costume Co.	12.79
	$521.83
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1952	$140.57
	$662.40

LAURENCE J. PARKER, Treasurer.

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

of the

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

For Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1952

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.
February 16, 1953.

PHILIP E. KNOWLES,
EFFIE DOE BLACK,
Trustees

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Bennington on December 31, 1952

Date of Creation	NAME OF FUND PURPOSE OF FUND	HOW INVESTED	Balance Beginning Year	Rate of Interest	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year
	LIBRARY FUNDS						
1923	John D. & Mary C. Butler	New Hampshire Savings Bank	$ 1000 00	3	$ 30 13	$ 30 13	$ 1000 00
1938	Emma E. Gipson, Memorial T. F.	New Hampshire Savings Bank	5000 00	3	150 63	150 63	5000 00
1938	Emma E. Gipson, Memorial T. F.	Hillsborough Co. Savings Bank	5000 00	2¼	138 43		5138 48
1938	Emma E. Gipson, Memorial T. F.	Manchester Savings Bank	5000 00	3	150 00	150 00	5000 00
1938	Emma E. Gipson, Memorial T. F.	Mechanics Savings Bank	5000 00	3	151 13		5151 13
1938	Emma E. Gipson, Memorial T. F.	Merrimack County Sav. Bank	5000 00	3	150 63	150 63	5000 00
1938	Emma E. Gipson, Memorial T. F.	Loan & Trust Savings Bank	5000 00	2½	125 39	125 39	5000 00
1938	Emma E. Gipson, Memorial T. F.	Union Trust Company	5978 66	2½	150 08	150 08	5978 66
1938	Mary Butler Jameson	Hillsboro Guaranty Sav. Bank	457 50	2	9 21		466 71
	EVERGREEN CEMETERY						
1913	George L. Herrick Cemetery Fund G. L. Herrick Est.	Amoskeag Savings Bank	307 82	3	9 29		317 11
1914	Mrs. A. D. Green Cemetery Fund Mrs. A. D. Green	Amoskeag Savings Bank	295 03	3	8 92		303 95
1914	Mrs. C. M. Whitney Cem. Fund Mrs. C. M. Whitney	Amoskeag Savings Bank	292 78	3	8 84		301 62

1923	Calvin S. Brown, Cem. Fund C. S. Brown Est.	Amoskeag Savings Bank	135 16	3	4 09		139 25
1928	Cyrus H. Philbrick, Cem. Fund C. H. Philbrick	Amoskeag Savings Bank	227 21	3	6 86		234 07
1928	Ann F. Philbrick Cem. Fund C. H. Philbrick	Amoskeag Savings Bank	113 59	3	3 43		117 02
1929	Lizzie M. Holt, Cem. Fund Lizzie M. Holt	Amoskeag Savings Bank	232 00	3	7 01		239 01
1929	Chas. F. Manahan, Cem. Fund Chas. F. Manahan	Amoskeag Savings Bank	114 06	3	3 44		117 50
1929	Luke Burtt, Cem. Fund Sarah Burtt	Amoskeag Savings Bank	56 78	3	1 70		58 48
1931	John C. Dodge, Cem. Fund Mary F. Leavitt	Amoskeag Savings Bank	227 21	3	6 86		234 07
1931	Enos Vieno, Cem. Fund Enos Vieno Est.	Amoskeag Savings Bank	113 60	3	3 43		117 03
1935	Bradford D. Brown, Cem. Fund Georgietta Bryer	Peterborough Savings Bank	56 44	2¾	1 65		58 00
1939	Ellen C. Brown, Cem. Fund Ellen C. Brown	Peterborough Savings Bank	225 87	2¾	6 23		232 10
1940	Walter Wilson, Cem. Fund Mary K. Wilson	Peterborough Savings Bank	56 55	2¾	1 56		58 11
1942	Sam'l & Jane Dodge, Cem. Fund Nettie Kimball	Peterborough Savings Bank	56 44	2¾	1 56		58 00
1943	Thomas Wilson, Cem. Fund Margaret Wilson	Hillsboro Guaranty Sav. Bank	110 40	2	2 20		112 60

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	MOUNT CALVARY CEMETERY						
1946	Lawrence W. Flynn, Cem. Fund L. W. Flynn will	Peterborough Savings Bank	143 20	2¾	3 95		147 15
1950	Annie M. Shea, Cem. Fund Annie M. Shea	Peterborough Savings Bank	208 62	2¾	5 77		214 39
1950	Mary E. Munhall, Cem. Fund Mary E. Munhall	Hillsboro Guaranty Sav. Bank	101 83	2	2 02		103 85
	SUNNYSIDE CEMETERY						
1916	Trustees Trust Funds A. A. Ramsay	Manchester Savings Bank	743 34	3	22 46		765 80
1906	Geo. A. Whittemore Cem. Fund G. A. Whittemore	New Hampshire Savings Bank	422 39	3	19 19		441 58
1919	Clara R. Whittemore, Cem. Fund C. R. Whittemore	New Hampshire Savings Bank	137 41	3	6 23		143 64
1922	Horace Dinsmore, Cem. Fund Mabel A. Bryant	New Hampshire Savings Bank	133 69	3	6 05		139 74
1923	John D. & Moody Butler, Cem. F. Mary B. Jameson	New Hampshire Savings Bank	300 94	3	13 64		314 58

1927	Royal V. Knight, Cem. Fund Scott W. Knight	New Hampshire Savings Bank	245 42	3	11 13		256 55
1932	Charles F. Burnham, Cem. Fund C. F. Burnham	Peterborough Savings Bank	235 07	2¾	10 13		245 20
1934	Bessie W. Call, Cem. Fund B. W. Call	Peterborough Savings Bank	112 65	2¾	4 84		117 49
1935	Geo. W. Wilson, Cem. Fund Ida B. Ware	Peterborough Savings Bank	84 49	2¾	3 61		88 10
1935	Betsey R. Brown, Cem. Fund Georgietta Bryer	Peterborough Savings Bank	56 31	2¾	2 41		58 72
1936	Nancy Stevens, Cem. Fund Nancy Stevens	Peterborough Savings Bank	168 99	2¾	7 26		176 25
1939	Mary L. Knight, Cem. Fund Mary L. Knight	Peterborough Savings Bank	231 07	2¾	9 96		241 03
1941	Frank A. Taylor, Cem. Fund Grace A. Taylor	Peterborough Savings Bank	112 64	2¾	4 84		117 48
1942	Fred Kimball Cem. Fund Nettie Kimball	Peterborough Savings Bank	112 65	2¾	4 84		117 49
1942	Rodney & Lenore Nichols, Cem. F. Nettie Kimball	Peterborough Savings Bank	112 64	2¾	4 84		117 48
1943	Frank Young, Cem. Fund Helen Young	Peterborough Savings Bank	168 99	2¾	7 26		176 25
1945	Sarah Keeser, Cem. Fund Emma Bartlett	Peterborough Savings Bank	56 30	2¾	2 41		58 71
1945	Geo. Alfred Whittemore, Cem. F. M. W. Mather	Peterborough Savings Bank	225 33	2¾	9 70		235 03
1946	Lenora N. O'Leary, Cem. Fund Lenora N. O'Leary	Peterborough Savings Bank	112 62	2¾	4 84		117 46
1946	Stephen & Mary Chase, Cem. F. Mary Chase heirs	Peterborough Savings Bank	140 82	2¾	6 04		146 86

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1949	Edith Dodge, Cem. Fund Edith Dodge	Peterborough Savings Bank	105 08	2¾	4 52		109 60
1927	Amon Symonds, Cem. Fund Abbie M. Symonds	Hillsboro Guaranty Sav. Bank	456 63	2	9 12	2 50	463 25
1927	Sam'l Abbott, Cem. Fund Adeline M. Peavy	Hillsboro Guaranty Sav. Bank	232 92	2	4 64		237 56
1919	Ann M. Eaton, Cem. Fund Ann M. Eaton	Hillsboro Guaranty Sav. Bank	110 42	2	2 20		112 62
1937	Chas H. Kimball, Cem. Fund Anne B. Kimball	Hillsboro Guaranty Sav. Bank	110 42	2	2 20		112 62
1939	Sam'l Gilman & Lucinda Dodge, C.F. M. Hayward, N. Jennison, J. Knight	Hillsboro Guaranty Sav. Bank	110 42	2	2 20		112 62
1940	Amos A. Martin, Cem. Fund A. A. Martin heirs	Hillsboro Guaranty Sav. Bank	220 86	2	4 40		225 26
1905	Anna M. Woodbury, Cem. Fund A. M. Woodbury	Amoskeag Savings Bank	253 55	3	7 66		261 21
1906	Helen P. Ramsey, Cem. Fund A. A. Ramsey	Amoskeag Savings Bank	244 48	3	7 38		251 86

1914	Abram A. Ramsey, Cem. Fund A. A. Ramsey	Amoskeag Savings Bank	2028 02	3	61 29		2089 31
1915	C. J. Kimball, Cem. Fund C. J. Kimball heirs	Amoskeag Savings Bank	176 13	3	5 31		181 44
1916	W. S. Carkin, Cem. Fund W. S. Carkin	Amoskeag Savings Bank	404 75	3	12 21		416 96
1917	Augusta W. Gray, Cem. Fund A. W. Gray	Amoskeag Savings Bank	114 67	3	3 45		118 12
1918	W. H. Darrah, Cem. Fund Mrs. Sarah Darrah	Amoskeag Savings Bank	56 80	3	1 70		58 50
1921	Ed. I. Dodge, Cem. Fund Mrs. A. M. Dodge	Amoskeag Savings Bank	119 81	3	3 61		123 42
1925	Wm. L. Taylor, Cem. Fund Mrs. Addie Carter	Amoskeag Savings Bank	125 00	3	3 77		128 77
1928	Harriet Kimball, Cem. Fund C. H. Philbrick	Amoskeag Savings Bank	58 66	3	1 76		60 42
1928	David W. Bell, Cem. Fund Mrs. Caroline Crombie	Amoskeag Savings Bank	116 89	3	3 51		120 40
1928	Wm. Keith, Cem. Fund Wm. Keith	Amoskeag Savings Bank	116 84	3	3 51		120 35
1930	Mary Knowles, Cem. Fund Philip Knowles	Amoskeag Savings Bank	114 82	3	3 45		118 27
1951	Robert Wilson, Cem. Fund	Peterborough Savings Bank	243 75	2¾	10 49		254 24
1952	Clarence D. Kockerspergy, C. F. for Maurice Newton Lot	Peterborough Savings Bank	100 00	2¾	2 00		102 00
1952	Kendall Gray, Cem. Fund	Peterborough Savings Bank	100 00	2¾	75		100 75
1940	Community Fund	Hillsboro Guaranty Sav. Bank	407 50	2	8 14		415 64

NOTE:— Figures under headings "Balance Beginning Year" and "Balance End Year" are the same amounts.

WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT

FOR 1952

Total number of gallons pumped, 12,548,830
Number of hours at pumping station, 269

Cost of power,	$642.31
Cost of attendance	$3.10
Cost of pumping water by the Fire Department Labor and Gas,	$525.57

We have the old pump repaired and in service and a new pump set up and in service.

J. FRED MILES, Superintendent.

REPORT OF COLLECTIONS

Total Collections	$2,501.54
Paid Town Treasurer	$2,501.54
Uncollected for 1951:	
Geo. Whittemore	$20.00
Grace Sargent	$12.00

UNCOLLECTED FOR 1952

Roland Davison	10.00
Melvin Loomas	10.00
Robert St. Lawrence	13.00
Grace Sargent	25.08
John Lindsay	16.00

J. FRED MILES, Collector.

TOWN HALL REPORT

Months	Rents	Janitor Fee and Repairs	Free Hours
January	$27.00	$50.25	24
February	18.50	52.50	36
March	20.50	56.25	35
April	16.00	35.50	12
May	15.00	25.00	24
June		60.25	3½
July	9.00	18.00	7
August		21.25	21
September		19.00	2
October	3.00	18.00	17
November	10.50	41.00	2
December	12.00	35.00	14
Paid Treasurer	$131.50	$432.00	197½

P. G. TRAXLER, Janitor.

FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

ENGINE NO. 1

1 500 gallon pumper with 150 gal. booster tank
200 ft. 1" booster hose
1 Hand type extinguisher
1 Foam type extinguisher
1 Roof ladder
1 Extension ladder
1 Smoke Mask
1 Fire fighter extinguisher
1 Dry powder

ENGINE NO. 2

75 Gallon pumper with 125 gal. booster tank.
150 ft. 1" hose (booster)
2 Ladders (roof)
1 Extension ladder
2 Extension (Soda & Acid)
2 Smoke Mask.
1 First aid kit.
1 Co2 Extinguisher
1 Dry powder extinguisher

ENGINE NO. 3

1 750 gallon pumper with 600 gallon booster tank.
150 ft. 1" booster hose.
1 extension ladder (aluminum)
1 Roof ladder (aluminum)
1 Attic ladder (Folding).
1 Dry powder extinguisher
1 First aid kit
1 Smoke mask.

OTHER EQUIPMENT

2 Long ladders.
12 Indian pumps.
1 Portable pump.
1 Trailer.
- Emerson Recuscitator
2000 ft. 2½" Hose.
1100 ft. 1½" hose.

REPORT OF CALLS

1 House Fire.
5 Dump fires.
7 Chimney fires.
1 Forest fire.
Called for help, Mt. Crotched Forest fire.

FIRE ALARM BOXES ARE LOCATED

One at Don. Powers store.
One at Town Hall.

To operate: Open door, pull down hook once, then let go and STAY at box until firemen arrive.

6 Blasts for fire.
1 Blast first Monday of each month at 6:45 p. m.
2 Blasts - No School, 8:00 a. m.
1 Long Blast, short of water.
1 Blast between noon and 1 o'clock for test on Saturday.
To be reached by telephone:

Paul Traxler, 116-31 - Day or night.
Lindsay Garage, 116-3 - by day.
Don. Powers Store, 116-12 - by day.

The firewards recommend buying 100 ft. 2½ hose and 100 ft. 1½ hose.

P. G. TRAXLER
R. L. KNIGHT
J. D. ARMSTRONG,
Firewards.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE G. E. P. DODGE LIBRARY

Receipts

Cash on hand January 1, 1952	$ 264.37
Trustees of Trust Funds	756.86
Town Appropriations	200.00
Old Home Day prize	5.00
Total Receipts	$1226.23

Expenses

Mary K. Wilson, librarian	$ 360.00
Steve Yakovakis, janitor	150.00
Fuel, 1413 gal. fuel oil	189.58
Henry W. Wilson, agency, insurance	83.38
William Hass, painting	165.00
Thames Book Company, books	84.23
New England News Company, books	26.01
Magazines, newspapers	29.25
Public Service Company, lights	51.09
Orvel B. Pierce, cleaning oil burner and repairs	13.90
P. J. Woodbury, flowers	5.00
Janitor supplies	.80
Bank Service Charges	3.55
Total Expenses	$1,161.79
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1952	64.44
	$1,226.23

Respectfully submitted
Philip E. Knowles, Treasurer
Mary D. Shea,
Ruth A. Cody,
Library Trustees

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN OF THE G. E. P. DODGE LIBRARY

Days and hours open:
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
Afternoon 2:30 to 4:30
Evening 6:30 to 8:30

Books purchased in 1952	66
Books by gift in 1952	54
Magazines by subscription	9
Books numbered for circulation	2910
Borrowers	150
Books discarded	37

Peterboro Transcript (weekly)

Magazines by subscription

Jack and Jill	Seventeen
The American Girl	Magazines by gift
Open Road	Fortune
Life	Harper's Magazine
Ladies Home Journal	Mercury
Reader's Digest	Good Housekeeping
Saturday Evening Post	World Youth
National Geographic	The Mirror

(By pupils of Pierce School)

In the will of the late Mrs. Emma Bartlett, a collection of books, a spinning wheel, and a sampler made in 1827, were bequeathed to the G. E. P. Dodge Library.

MARY K. WILSON,
Librarian

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

Cash on hand, June 30, 1951 (Treasurer's bank balance)	$2,172.58
Received from selectmen, appropriation for current year	23,758.72
Received from tuitions	408.20
Received from all other sources	53.96
	$24,220.88
Total amount available for fiscal year	26,393.46
Less school orders paid	22,208.27
Balance on hand, July 1, 1952 (Treasurer's bank balance)	$4,185.19

MARY K. WILSON,
District Treasurer.

Audited and found correct, $4,185.19

Edward C. Black,
Philip E. Knowles,
Auditors.

SCHOOL WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the School District in the town of Bennington qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the sixth day of March 1953, at eight o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.

2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing years.

4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the District.

6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.

8. To see what sum of money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

9. To see if the School District will vote to accept a plan for extending to employees of the School District the benefits of title II of the Federal Social Security Act (Old Age and Survivor's Insurance) as authorized by Chapter 234 of the Laws of 1951 and to raise and appropriate the sum of $18.00 to defray the School Districts share of the cost thereof.

10. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Bennington this 17th day of February, 1953.

DORIS M. PARKER,
CHARLES E. LINDSAY,
PHILIP E. KNOWLES,
School Board.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

DORIS M. PARKER,
CHARLES E. LINDSAY,
PHILIP E. KNOWLES,
School Board.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Receipts

Bal. from previous year June, 1951	$2,172.58
Sept 10, 1951, John Robertson tuition	100.00
Sept. 27, 1951 Arthur Bell Approp.	3,000.00
Nov. 29, 1951, Arthur Bell Approp.	3,000.00
Jan. 4, 1952, Greenfield School Dist., tuition	75.00
Jan. 7, 1952, Arthur F. Bell, Approp.	1,420.27
Jan. 7, 1952, Arthur F. Bell, Approp.	3,579.73
Feb. 26, 1952, John Robertson, tuition	50.00
Feb. 27, 1952, A. F. Bell, Approp.	5,000.00
May 20, 1952, Fred Congreaves, tuition	108.20
May 28, 1952, A. F. Bell, bal. of approp.	7,758.72
June 6, 1952, Greenfield School District, tuition	75.00
June 7, 1952, Peterboro School District, refund Harry Clough	53.96
	$26,393.46

Audited Correct, July 14, 1952,

EDWARD C. BLACK,
PHILIP E. KNOWLES

ITEMIZATION OF PAYMENTS OF THE BENNINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Administration

Salaries of District Officers:		
Stephen Chase, board	$75.00	
Doris Parker, board	50.00	
Helen Powers, board	75.00	
Mary K. Wilson, Treas.	50.00	
Addie J. French, Census	10.00	
Edward J. French, Truant	5.00	
J. Prentice Weston, Moderator	5.00	
J. Fred Miles, Clerk	5.00	
		$275.00

(2)

Superintendents Salary:	
James C. Hines - Treas., Sup. Union	$443.25

(3)

Tax-State-wide Supervision, State Treasurer	$238.00

(4)

Salaries - other administration personnel
Supervisory Union Office expense, J. C. Hines, Treas.
$295.00

(5)

Supplies and Expenses:		
Edson C. Eastman	$ 88.35	
First National Bank	1.25	
James C. Hines, Supt., travel	125.59	
Messenger Pub. Co.	9.50	
Brown & Saltmarsh	1.20	
Mary K. Wilson, expense	15.00	
Helen M. Powers, expense	25.00	
		$265.89

Instruction

(6)

Teachers Salaries:		
Collector Int. Revenue	$ 1,097.51	
N. H. - Vt. Hospitalization and Retirement - salary Ins.	763.35	
Ruth Cody	2,800.00	2,025.40
Jessie B. Black	2,700.00	1,978.18
Virginia Ellis	2,600.00	2,056.76
Mary K. Wilson - Sub.	84.00	
Susan Pierce, Sub.	120.00	
Isabelle Nichols	500.00	
Actual Salaries Paid		6,764.34
Withheld - Total		1,860.86
		$8,625.20

Washington Nat. Ins. Co.

(7)

Books and othr inst. aids:	
Grolier Society, Inc., 1948 Bell	$81.60

Scott Forsman and Co.	101.34	
A. H. Rice Co.	4.70	
Study Film Center	16.00	
World Book Co.	8.11	
Isabelle Nichols	8.00	
C. C. Buchard	55.25	
Minot Film Exch.	29.20	
Beckly Cardy Co.	26.40	
American Book Co.	49.51	
Boston Music	4.70	
		$384.81

Scholars Supplies (8)

Mainco Tracking Co.	$275.63	
Edward E. Bab. Co.	4.42	
Webster Pub. Co.	4.18	
Silver Burdett	11.49	
H. S. Kinsman	23.30	
J. L. Hammett	45.25	
		$364.27

Supplies and other Expenses (10)

Mrs. Minnie Cody	$2.50	
J. L. Hammett, diplomas	18.88	
Ruth Cody, Refund files	7.81	
		$29.19
Refund to town for over payment		602.00

Salaries of Janitor (11)

Fred Miles	540.00	
Frank Chusa	622.50	
		$1,162.50

Fuel (12)

Hafeli Fuel & Ice, 51-52	$491.85	
Hafeli Fuel & Ice, 52-53	536.49	
		$1,028.34

Operation School Plant (13)

J. I. Holcomb	$113.25	
Edmunds Dept. Store	18.69	
J. Fred Miles	16.53	
Public Service	113.67	
		$262.14

Repairs and Replacements (14)

C. E. Lindsay	45.60	
Frank Chusa	10.00	
H. S. Kinsman	17.20	
Peterboro Hardware	12.17	
P. J. Traxler	16.83	
Leon N. Stearns	30.00	
H. N. Chase	7.00	
Robert B. Fish	12.75	
E. R. Be Lisle	532.00	
Alfred Perry	120.65	
C. O. Rockwell	2.50	
		$806.70

Health Supervision (15)

Martha Parker	377.05	

Transportation (16)

J. H. Lindsay	1,392.00	

Payment Tuition (17)

Wilfred Levesque, reimb. to parent	140.00	
David Braid, reimb. to parent	140.00	
Ruth Cody, reimb. to parent	140.00	
Hillsboro	875.00	
Peterboro	3,500.00	
		$4,795.00

Fixed Charges — Retirement (19)

District Share	$493.20	
Insurance - Bonds, etc.	215.79	

Capital Outlay

New Equipment (23)

Cascade Paper Co. - Chairs	152.94	
Grand Total		$22,208.27
Expense estimated		

HELEN M. POWERS,
DORIS PARKER,
CHARLES LINDSAY,
School Board.

PROPOSED SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET

1952-1953

BENNINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Budget

Administration:	
1. Salaries of District Officrs	$ 275.00
2. Superintendents Salary (local)	500.00
3. Tax for State-wide supervision	204.00
4. Salaries of other adm. personnel	251.81
5. Supplies and expense	213.84
Instruction:	
6E. Elementary teachers salaries	8,980.00
7E. Books and other instructional aids	450.00
8E. Scholars supplies	450.00
10E. Supplies and expenses	35.00
Operation of School Plant:	
11E. Salaries of Janitor	1,200.00
12E. Fuel or heat	650.00
13E. Water, light and janitor supplies & expe.	350.00
Maintenance of School Plant:	
14E. Repairs and replacemnts	400.00
Auxiliary Activities:	
15E. Health Supervision	500.00
16E. Transportation	1,530.00
17E. Tuition (High)	10,640.00
Fixed Charges:	
19E. Teachers retirement	550.00
20E. Insurance Treas. Bond & Expenses	275.00
Capital Outlay:	
New Equipment	50.00
Total Appropriations	$27,505.05

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

From Feb. 1952 to Feb. 1953

To Mr. H. Moody, Supt. of schools, school board, teachers and parents:

Number of pupils weighed and measured, 72
Number of pupils eyes examined, 68
Number of eyes reported to parents, 7
Number of teeth cleaned, 56
Number of extractions, 9
Number of fillings, 12
Number of measles, 1

Dr. Harvey Grimes held a dental clinic at school. The Woman's Club sponsored the cleaning. We wish to thank the Woman's Club for this wonderful project.

Ears have not been done this year because there hasn't been an audiometer available.

I wish to thank the superintendent of schools, School Board, pupils and parents for their cooperation in the health program.

Respectfully submitted,
MARTHA PARKER,R. N.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Bennington:

I am pleased to submit my second annual report as superintendent of schools.

Organization

School Board	Mrs. Helen Powers (Resigned 12/16/52) Mrs. Doris Parker Mrs. Charles Lindsay
Treasurer	Mrs. Mary K. Wilson
Nurse	Mrs. Martha Parker, R. N.
Music	Mrs. Isabel Nichols
Superintendent	J. Harold Moody
Teachers	Mrs. Ruth Cody, Principal, grades 6, 7, 8 Mrs. Jessie Black, grades 3,4,5 Mrs. Margaret Walsh grades 1, 2

At the close of school in June Mrs. Ellis Bresnanan, who taught the first three grades for the last two years, moved to Manchester. Mrs. Margaret Walsh of Concord, who graduated from Mt. St. Mary's College last year is taking her place in the first and second grades.

This year it was decided to teach the three upper grades together because the interests of the sixth grade seem to blend better with the older students than with the younger ones. This gives Mrs Cody a large class but she is doing excellent work with them. During each of the next three years this class will become smaller unless new students move into town. The work of the last three grades of elementary school are most important to success in high school and I feel that Bennington is unusually fortunate to have a teacher of Mrs. Cody's caliber in this key position.

This year an effort has been made at all grade levels to stress the moral and spiritual values that have made this a great nation. Many of us were deeply impressed by the words of our president when he said, "America is great because she is good, and if ever America ceases to be good she will cease to be great." The school must take its place along with the church and home in teaching the love of truth, justice, freedom and peace if we wish to preserve the way of life we now enjoy.

During the remainder of this year the faculty is going to re-examine the ways we teach reading to see how we can become more efficient in this field. Movies, radio and TV have reduced the time we have left for reading but ability to read quickly and accurately is still the basis for many occupations.

In closing I would like to express my appreciation to the school board, teachers and parents for their cooperation in making this a successful school year

Respectfully submitted,
J. HAROLD MOODY,
Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF PIERCE SCHOOL

To the Superintendent of Schools, School Board and Citizens of Bennington:

We have continued during the past year to carry on a school program which developed each child as an individual both socially and scholastically with particular emphasis being placed on reading. Annual achievement tests have been given and recorded to give a picture of each child's scholastic growth. We intend to continue this testing program. An increased effort has been made to keep two facts in mind: 1: that each child is an individual and 2. that the only ism to be stressed is Americanism.

A comparision of enrollment for grades 1 through 8 for January 1952 and January 1953 follows:

Grade	1952	1953
I	11	5
II	6	11
III	6	7
IV	10	6
V	8	10
VI	9	8
VII	16	9
VIII	13	16
Total Enrollment	79	72

The following persons maintained perfect attendance in 1952: grades 4, 5, 6, Clara Mae Newhall, Donald Cashion, Frances Burrows, Judith Cashion. Grades 7 & 8 Matthew Yakovakis, Arnold Cernota.

Those having perfect attendance from September, 1952 to January 1953: Grades 1 & 2, Donna Lee Sheldon, Richard Sudsbury; grades 3, 4, 5, Judith Cashion, William Cleary; grades 6, 7, 8, Mary Ann MacNutt, Beverly Cashion, Joyce Cleary, Lenore Whynott, Matthew Yakovakis.

Pupils of Pierce School participated in an essay contest and two art contests during 1952. The results of these contests were most gratifying. Much interest was shown by the pupils and we were fortunate in having several victorious contestants. Janice Hugron, an 8th grader, won the National Grange Award for the best essay on soil conservation. Allan Burrows, another 8th grader, won state recognition. His picture was one of those chosen to be sent to Washington, D. C., as one of the best New Hampshire entries on the American Way of Life. Isabelle Loomis and Allan Burrows won money prizes for the best entries in the cover designing contest of the Woman's Club Year Book

During the year the children were given opportunities to take part in several programs. The entire school produced a Minstrel Show in April under the direction of Mrs. Isabel Nichols, music teacher. The script was written by the students and scenery and costumes were designed during art classes. This gave each child an opportunity for self expression in several areas. We took part in the Memorial program in May and in June came the annual graduation. There were 13 pupils in the graduating class.

In September, 3 of this group enrolled in Hillsboro High School, 9 enrolled in Pterboro High School and 1 went to work.

The athletic program has been greatly enriched by the cooperation of the Recreation Association. In May a Little League was organized. This gave each boy in the school a chance to play ball during May and June and throughout the summer months. We hope the Little League will continue to operate as successfully in 1953. This fall the Recreation Association has cooperated in assisting with Boys' Sports such as Basketball and is planning to line off the Town Hall floor for both boys and girls sports. Games for both the boys and girls are being played each week.

The new Social Studies books and the new Ginn Reading series are excellent. The projector continues to be a valuable aid in many classes. Opportunity was provided that each child in grades 6 through 8 might witness the historic Inauguration on Television. Educational trips taken through the year included visits to the Harvard Museum, Fine Arts Museum, Science Museum and such historic spots as Bunker Hill and Concord Bridge.

The children have been happy to aid in contributing to the Polio Drive and Crippled Children's Drive and the weekly Stamp Day.

The teachers of Pierce School wish to express their appreciation for the cooperation of all, to the Sons of Veterans and Auxiliary for the beautiful flag, to the Recreation Association for contributions already mentioned, to the Womans' Club for the annual Dental Clinic and the Light a Bike Campaign, the Safety Patrol and the

annual art contests, to the advertisers and subscribers of the Pierce School Mirror for making its 6 years publication possible and to all those who have made the Pierce School a success.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH CODY, Principal.

MEMORIAL DAY REPORT

June 1, 1952

Memorial Day Appropriation	$200.00
Paid out:	
Frank Davis, Weare Band	160.00
Cleon Heald, speaker	25.00
Edmunds Store, ice cream for children	9.86
Work done on wreaths, Robert Ham	5.00
Flags for decorating	.14
	$200.00

P. G. TRAXLER,

Sec. of Comm.

Report of Sexton of Bennington, N. H. for the Year January 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952

NAME	AGE Yr.	Mo.	Dy.	BURIAL	BROUGHT FROM	INTERMENT
Rose Ann Shea	74		27	April 9, 1952	Peterboro	Mt. Calvary
Emma Geneva Bartlett	90			April 16, 1952	Bennington	Sunnyside
Leonora Mary O'Leary	62			April 29, 1952	Manchester	Sunnyside
Mable Robbins	67			May 6, 1952	Milford	Evergreen
Dora Eaton	69	7	23	June 25, 1952	Brockton, Mass.	Evergreen
Catherine O'Mally Mulhall	72			Oct. 30, 1952	Hancock	Evergreen
Albert Everett Holt	77			Nov. 22, 1952	Bennington	Sunnyside
Mary Ellen Newhall	72			Jan. 23, 1952	Bennington	Evergreen
Paul Leo Flynn	51			Jan. 24, 1952	Dublin	Mt. Calvary

NOTE:— Burial, all in Bennington, N. H.

Respectfully Submitted, DALMER NEWHALL, *Sexton.*

VITAL STATISTICS

Births Registered in the Town of Bennington, N. H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1952

Date of Birth 1952	Name of Child and Sex		Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Jan. 14	Mary Ellen Cuddihy	F	James G. Cuddihy	Pauline J. Shea	Bennington	Bennington
Feb. 9	Robert James Brown, Jr.	M	Robert James Brown	Grace M. Bent	Peterboro	Norfolk, Ms.
Feb. 25	Julie Ann Green	F	Wallace Byron Green	Priscilla B. Reed	Harrisville	Somerville, Ms.
April 3	Cheryl Doreen Rossoll	F	Charles F. Rossoll	Doreen Orme	Norwich, Conn.	Baltic, Conn.
Aug. 15	Frances Lee Davison	F	Roland R. Davison	Celia F. Wilt	Windsor	Hillsboro
Oct. 17	Kevin Allen Sysyn	M	Nicholas Sysyn	Nora C. Diemond	Manchester	Peterboro
Dec. 1	Kevin Donal Magoon	M	Roger E. Magoon	Marie E. Cashion	Peterboro	Bennington

All born in Peterboro
All white.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DONALD A. POWERS, Town Clerk.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Bennington, N. H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1952

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each At Time of Marriage, and Age in Years		Place of Birth of Each	Names of Parents	Name, Res. and Official Station of Person by whom Married
Feb. 2, 1952	Raine C. A. Heino	Bennington	31	Amherst	Simo Hino Martha Kulmala	Thomas H.Billings
Hancock	Kathleen E. Trow	Bennington	31	Bedford	James Atkinson Mildred S. Weatherbee	Minister Hancock
Feb. 6, 1952	Paul Walter Mercier	Nashua	20	-- N. H.	Arthur Mercier Irene L. Kerouac	Rev. John Pitts
Nashua	Edna Doris Paige	Bennington	18	-- N. H.	Fred W. Paige Alfreda V. Pysir	Nashua
June 28, 1952	Edward W. Woods	Hancock	25	-- Mass.	Vernard R. Woods Florence L. Naddy	Rev. Thomas Mason
Bennington	Barbara L. Griswold	Bennington	21	-- N. H.	George B. Griswold Marion L. Shea	Bennington
June 28, 1952	Charles E. Zabriskie	Antrim	22	Peterboro	Albert J. Zabriskie Mildred Holt	Thomas H.Billings Minister
Bennington	Suzanne J. Murray	Bennington	18	Peterboro	Paul E. Murray Stella M. Johnston	Hancock
Aug. 30, 1952	Lawrence H. Parker	Bennington	29	Nashua	Lawrence J. Parker Doris M.Wilson	Arthur E. Roby Justice of the Peace
Concord	Joyce E. Parker	Hillsboro	21	Sharon, Vt.	Eygene E. Avery Adeline Joyce	Concord
Nov. 1, 1952	Harry L. Dorr	Bennington	18	Greenfield	Harry A. Dorr Evelyn C. Rollins	Rev. Walter C. Voll
Antrim	Caroline H. Strickland	Milford	18	Grasmere	Francis Strickland Agnes G. Sherman	Antrim

All white.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DONALD A. POWERS, Town Clerk.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Bennington, N. H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1952

Date of Death 1952	Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age			Place of Birth	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
			Years	Months	Days			
Jan. 3	Bennington, N. H.	Terry Eugene Martin	15	3	2	Peterboro, N. H.	Cecil R. Martin	Dorothy L. Black
Jan. 5	Bennington, N. H.	Emma Geneva Bartlett	90			Delaware, Ohio	Warren B. Keeser	Sarah E. Bartlett
Jan. 2	Bennington, N. H.	Mary Ellen Newhall	72			Antrim, N. H.	Henry W. Harrison	Ellen Cleary
May 4,	Milford, N. H.	Mabel Robbins	67			Warren, Vt.	John H. Senter	Addie Martin
June 22	Brockton, Mass.	Dora E. (Curtis) Eaton	69	7	23	Antrim, N. H.	Josiah P. Curtis	Cora A. Hatch
Sept. 14	Peterboro, N. H.	Frieda Louise Edwards	54			Hyde Park, Mass.	George E. Edwards	Caroline E. Hoffman
Oct. 12	Laconia, N. H.	Erlyne .L. Farhm	24			Peterboro, N. H.	Delmar Farhm	Lona Holloran
Nov. 18	Bennington, N. H.	Albert Everett Holt	77			Munsonville, N. H.	Frank P. Holt	Lucretia Bartlett
Nov. 22	Peterboro, N. H.	Robert Benderhamm	71	10	27	Washington, D. C.	Alvah Hamm	Ellen Marston

All white.

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DONALD A. POWERS, Town Clerk.

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